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SEC Leadership Spotlight

Rev. Paul Gourdine



Originally from Charleston, South Carolina, **Rev. Paul Gourdine** inspires people, young and old, from all walks of life as he uses his God-given abilities to teach, motivate, and spiritually uplift. Professionally, Rev. Gourdine has made impressive strides in the computer science and technology realm. Graduating from Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, TX with a degree in Business Administration and Computer Information Systems, and a M.Div. from Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, GA, Gourdine has worked at such esteemed organizations as Pricewaterhouse Cooper, the Georgia Department of Human Resources,

Georgia Department of Transportation, and the Department of Vital Records. He has served as an administrator and leader in all of his professional capacities.

Even more importantly than Gourdine's impressive professional portfolio is the essence of his higher-calling. Some of the same characteristics that catapulted Gourdine to success in the business world also enable him to reach people of all stripes as he administers the Word of God. Dependability, people skills, persuasive personal communication, compassion, family focus, and steadfast leadership are the qualities displayed by Gourdine as he embarks upon a mission to not only preach, but engage people in the lessons and importance of spiritual awakening. His reputation for his ability to encourage change is evident by his selection to pastor the Dexter Avenue United Methodist Church. He was the first African-American in American history to ever Pastor a predominately white church on the famed Dexter Avenue in downtown Montgomery AL. Currently Pastor Gourdine is the at-will Pastor of **Community Congregational United Church of Christ, Montgomery, AL**. Gourdine possesses the innate ability to transcend cultural differences and bring people together on common ground. Gourdine's ministry is one that focuses on the similarities that people have as Christians instead of minor differences that might set people apart.

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WCM executive calls for 'complete withdrawal' of Ugandan anti-gay legislation

The Rev. Cally Rogers-Witte, the UCC's executive minister for Wider Church Ministries, issued a statement today (May 11) calling for the Ugandan government to drop legislation that calls for the imprisonment of homosexuals.

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